



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Public Services Committee of Skipton Town Council held by a remote platform on Thursday 26th November 2020 at 5pm.

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Jaquin.
Councillors: Councillor A Hickman, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor T Barrett, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor C Nash, Councillor D Painter (Vice Chair).
Officers: Mrs L Close (Acting Chief Officer)
Also Present: Councillor P Madeley and one member of the public.

2021/001

ITEM 1 – Election of Chairman

The position was voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

RESOLVED to accept Councillor E Jaquin as the Chairman of the Public Services Committee

2021/002

ITEM 2 – Election of Vice Chairman

The position was voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

RESOLVED to accept Councillor D Painter as the Vice Chairman of the Public Services Committee

2021/003

ITEM 3 – To agree the Membership of the Committee

It was **AGREED** Cllrs. Jaquin, Dawson, Barrett, Bentley, Hickman, Nash, Heseltine, Painter, Shaw and Judge serve on the Public Services Committee.

2021/004

ITEM 4 – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Heseltine, Judge and Shaw.

2021/005

ITEM 5 – Disclosures of Interest

None

2021/006

ITEM 6 – Dispensations Requested

None

2021/007

ITEM 7 – Representations from public

Cllr P Madeley, as a member of the public, was invited to speak.

2021/008

ITEM 8 – To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2020

Proposed by Councillor C Nash

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Public Services meeting held on 6th February 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

(Unanimous)

2021/009

ITEM 9 – To receive the reports from Smith of Derby regarding repairs required to the clock at Holy Trinity Church, and approve the required costs.

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor T Barrett

RESOLVED that delegated powers were given to the Clerk to negotiate the spend towards the church clock repairs. The Clerk would contact Smiths and discuss the quotation and she would confirm back to the committee which potential budget heading this would be taken from and the amount that would be authorised to spend. *(Unanimous)*

2021/010

ITEM 10 – Road way at allotment sites requiring repair.

One quote for repair of the roadway has been received, and others are expected.

Councillor J Dawson stated that he had received a number of complaints from Allotment Tenants on issues including the condition of the road way at the Allotment and also including the additional £20.00 water charge. It has been agreed that the water charge would be refunded off the cost of the Allotment rent next year.

Councillor C Nash advised that the condition of the roadway been on the low maintenance schedule since 2012. Councillor C Nash suggested that the maintenance schedule needed reviewing to ascertain which work on the schedule needed to be prioritised.

It was agreed that further quotes for repairing the road should be sought, and the potential of utilising Community Payback should be considered, when Covid restrictions allow.

Councillor P Madeley gave a presentation on the wild flower meadows on the grass verges at Broughton Road, with a plan to widen this scheme to more places in the community. Councillor P Madeley asked if Councillors could identify which areas could benefit from this scheme, and place an item to discuss further on the agenda for a future Public Services meeting.

2021/011

ITEM 11 – Purchase of an additional Notice Board for Broughton Road Allotments

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor D Painter

RESOLVED subject to budget and confirmation of the costing from the Clerk.

(Six in favour and One Abstention)

2021/012

ITEM 12 – To receive and note the update on the Allotments

Members received and noted the update on the allotments.

2021/013

ITEM 13 – Street Light requiring replacement in Middletown Allotments

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor T Barrett

RESOLVED to replace the street light subject to the budget being available. *(Unanimous)*

2021/014

ITEM 14 – Local Government reorganisation 2020 and its effect on Skipton Town Council.

Councillors had a discussion on what services Skipton Town Council could potentially take over.

Clerk asked if Town Hall could be subject of Community Asset Transfer. Cllr. Madeley asked to speak, this was accepted by the Chair. Point of information regarding the Town Hall. There is potential for the Town Hall to be placed into a Trust, and this would need to be discussed at a future meeting.

For next agenda – Raikes Road Recreation Area– 106 section money, with a resolution to form sub-committee made of the four North Ward Councillors to take the development of the Raikes Road Recreation Area forward.

The meeting was closed at 6.12pm

The Next Meeting is to be held on the 4th February 2021 at 18:30pm